

FISH & WILDLIFE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: February 13, 2014

Agenda Item: 2014 – 2015 Bighorn Sheep Hunting Seasons, Quota Ranges and HD Boundaries

Division: Wildlife

Action Needed: Final Action

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 10 minutes

Background

Season structures and hunting district boundaries are adopted biennially for most game species. This happens every other year between December and final adoptions in February. In proposing regulations to the Commission, FWP proposes adopting the existing (2013) structure except for specific changes. Proposals are based on population status and/or other circumstances.

For the 2014 and 2015 bighorn sheep season, structure changes include some ewe season closures, boundary changes, and quota range adjustments.

See the Commission Master List for additional proposed changes, as well as details on changes from the original proposals presented in December.

Public Involvement Process & Results

In addition to public comment at the Dec.12 Commission meeting, public comment ran through 5 p.m., Jan. 24, 2014. Comments and a comment summary were forwarded to the Commission.

Alternatives and Analysis

Proposals may be adopted as proposed, with adjustment, with additions, with deletions or no change from 2013 (status quo). No change would challenge the supporting justifications behind proposals.

Agency Recommendation & Rationale

Rationale for individual proposals have been included in Commission information packets and may be further articulated at the Feb. 13 Commission meeting.

Proposed Motion

I move the Commission adopt the final 2014 and 2015 Bighorn Sheep Hunting Seasons and Hunting Districts as presented by FWP. I also move to adopt all other portions of the previous 2012-2013 bighorn sheep season regulations not affected by the Commission's actions today.